

**In the Specification:**

Please **replace** the paragraph on page 5, lines 10-18, which contains a typographical error, with the following paragraph:

Figure 1 illustrates a native encapsulation object 100 in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. The native encapsulation object 100 includes wrappers 102 and corresponding platform dependent methods (also referred to as native methods) 104. In on embodiment of the invention, each of the wrappers 102 is arranged to encapsulate (or call) an associated one of the platform dependent methods 104. In this way, a platform independent object, such as for example, a device driver, can access platform dependent software (represented by the native methods) using a platform independent protocol by first calling the wrappers 102 associated with the platform independent software. The wrapper, in turn, calls (or invokes) the appropriate platform **dependent independent** software, which is then accessible to the platform independent object.